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**GREEN MOUNTAIN CARE BOARD ANNOUNCES
MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE ADVISORY GROUP**

Montpelier, VT – Today, the Green Mountain Care Board (GMCB) announced the appointment of a group of experts to its Mental Health and Substance Abuse Technical Advisory Group (TAG). Like the recently appointed Health Care Professional TAG, the Mental Health and Substance Abuse TAG will serve as a resource on technical issues related to the GMCB's work, including the development of provider payment models that support the integration of mental and physical health care.

"Vermont is in the midst of significant changes to its mental health and substance abuse care system. We see this as an important opportunity to align mental health and substance abuse care more closely with the broader health care system," said Anya Rader Wallack, chair of the GMCB. The GMCB's Payment Reform Pilot Policy explicitly encourages the integration of mental health and physical health care services. "The leadership from mental health and substance abuse treatment experts and from consumers will be the key to creating a more integrated system of mental and physical health care for Vermonters," said Wallack.

Both the new Mental Health and Substance Abuse and Health Care Professional TAGs will begin work in the fall. A broader Advisory Committee has been meeting since March 2012.

A complete list of GMCB Substance Abuse and Mental Health Technical Advisory Group members is below.

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*Vermont's Health Reform law, Act 48, charges **The Green Mountain Care Board (GMCB)** with controlling the rate of growth in health care costs and improving the health of Vermonters. The GMCB approves hospital budgets, major health care capital investments, health insurer rates increases, all-payer rates for all providers, and minimum health benefit requirements. The Board encourages Vermonters seeking to share their views to visit the GMCB website (<http://gmcbboard.vermont.gov/>) or to call (802) 828-2177.*



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MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE TECHNICAL ADVISORY
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Susan Leigh Deppe, MD, DFAPA, Faculty, The Tomkins Institute: Applied Studies in Motivation, Emotion, and Cognition, Lewisburg, Pennsylvania; Clinical Assistant Professor of Psychiatry, University of Vermont College of Medicine; Private Practice, Colchester

Rep. Anne Donahue, J.D., Editor of *Counterpoint* published by Vermont Psychiatric Survivors, Northfield

Alexandra Forbes, MA, Licensed Psychologist-Master, Legislative Chair, Vermont Psychological Association, Montpelier

Jeanne Greenblatt, MD, MPH, Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist, Vermont Department of Health, Child Development Clinic, Burlington

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Marlene Maron, Ph.D., Chief Psychologist/Manager, Psychological Services, Fletcher Allen Health Care; Director of Pediatric Psychology Service, Vermont Children's Hospital at Fletcher Allen Health Care; Clinical Associate Professor of Psychiatry and Pediatrics, University of Vermont College of Medicine; Adjunct Clinical Associate Professor, University of Vermont College of Arts and Sciences



Floyd Nease, Executive Director, Vermont Association for Mental Health and Addiction Recovery, Montpelier

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